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Hoekstra, Kuipers place friendly wager over latest chapter in Calvin-Hope rivalry

Lansing —Michigan Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, and U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Holland, are celebrating tonight's men's basketball game between Hope and Calvin colleges with a friendly wager.

Hoekstra, a 1975 Hope alumnus, and Kuipers, a 1983 graduate of Calvin College, have agreed to wear the winning team's sweatshirt for a full day should his side lose. The game will determine the outcome of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championship as well as the latest chapter in the schools' long-standing rivalry.

"I wish Hope and Calvin's dedicated scholar athletes the best of luck in tonight's contest," Hoekstra said. "However, I hope Sen. Kuipers enjoys the orange and blue of the Flying Dutchmen because I have a good feeling that he will be wearing them before long."

"I look forward to seeing Congressman Hoekstra in maroon after tonight's game," Kuipers said. "With 153 games between our schools, the series now stands at 78-75 with Calvin leading. I am confident that my team will add one more to that margin after tonight."

The Hope-Calvin series began in 1920 with a 31-13 Hope win. Over the years, Calvin has outscored Hope by eight points, 10,278 to 10,270. The colleges have set up Web pages dedicated to the rivalry. Hope's can be found at www.hope.edu/rivalry, and Calvin's is located at www.calvin.edu/thegame.

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